**HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HEREFORD**

**on Thursday 2nd February 2017**

**Present:**  Councillors Nicholls, Edwards, Chappell, Mansell and Griffiths

**OFFICERS ATTENDING:** Steve Kerry, Town Clerk; Connor Powell Administration Finance and Information Officer; Mr John Faulkner representing Hereford Civic Society

**P010 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllrs Michael and Lloyd Hayes

**P011 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES:**

Councillor Nicholls as Chair

**P012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None at this time.

**P013 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2017 were agreed as an accurate record.

**P014 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**It was Resolved that the participation of those City Councillors who are also members of the County of Herefordshire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the City Council and that District Councillors reserve their final views on all applications until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.**

**P015 POLICY ISSUES**

015.1 Enforcement

 Councillors raised concern over the fact that Victoria House is still in operation, and has apparently been sold but no relevant planning application has surfaced. The Clerk confirmed he will shortly follow up with Kevin Bishop, Lead Manager for Development at Herefordshire Council.

015.2 Update on Hereford Area Plan Meeting

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting of the HAP Working Group.

Holmer and Shelwick Parish Council are now keen to do a Neighbourhood Development Plan, but not using the Parish Council as the controlling group. They are looking for volunteers to take this on. It has been confirmed that the NDP boundary will be the parish and not the county ward of the same name, so the City Council wards of Victoria Park and Racecourse remain in the HAP remit.

Herefordshire’s officers have presented the “Issues and Options” paper in draft which lists those areas which the HAP will focus on. These now include HMO’s reviewing the Conservation Area boundaries and standards within the boundaries and use of brownfield sites. These are all things the City has been pressing to be included.

Mairead Lane of Herefordshire Council presented a report about highway construction within the Local Transport Plan and how this fits in with the HAP. It was revealing as to the complexity of developing new road schemes and the time it takes. It was confirmed that recent press announcements about the western route not being funded are more than a little exaggerated. That project remains, with the new road from Alyestone Hill to Edgar Street to open up the remaining areas of the Edgar Street Grid, the Council’s priorities. In answer to questions it was confirmed that the traffic modelling systems used by Herefordshire can cope with theoretical scenarios so could be used to model the effects of an eastern crossing and local relief road at various stages of the development of the western route. This may assist with the City Council’s and others lobbying for that option to be included in future LTP reviews.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Committee notes the concern over Victoria House and will await an update from The Clerk.**

**P016 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

It was **Resolved**

**That the applications noted in the attached table, and the licensing matters attached with the responses of the City Council be agreed and forwarded to the Planning Authority by the Clerk.**

**P017 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**P018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 6 pm.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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Date ……………………………………………………………………....